

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 900

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Harold "Coach" Arnold upon his placement onto Johnson County High School's Wall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Harold "Coach" Arnold, who recently became the first honoree on Johnson County High School's (JCHS) Wall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to JCHS's sports programs; and

WHEREAS, a teacher and coach at JCHS for twenty-nine illustrious years, Coach Arnold greatly influenced the school's educational and athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, he rendered sterling service as a football coach for sixteen years, as a basketball coach for ten years, and as a baseball coach for eight years; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Arnold's exemplary tutelage, the JCHS football team won the Watauga Conference championship on three occasions, going undefeated during one of those seasons; and

WHEREAS, he also led his team to the infamous JCHS triumph against Unaka High School; in 1955, Unaka was undefeated through sixty-six consecutive games when they met, and the legendary game proved to be one of the biggest upsets in the State; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Coach Arnold steered the JCHS boys' basketball team to four consecutive conference championships from 1971-74 and another in 1976; his leadership and guidance also enabled the baseball team to win the conference championship in 1957; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished athlete in his own right, Harold Arnold attended JCHS as a student, playing tailback and standing as captain of the football team; he also played on the basketball and baseball teams; and

WHEREAS, Coach Arnold went on to play halfback at East Tennessee State Teacher's College, now known as East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from college, he returned to Johnson County to begin what would become a remarkable career as a teacher and coach; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Coach Arnold was selected as the Coach of the Year three times in football, once in basketball, and once in baseball; and

WHEREAS, during his fruitful career he befriended many other notable coaches, including Charlie Bayless and the late John Treadway and Buck VanHuss; in addition, some of his players, such as Jack Thomas, Jerry Nave, Don Garland, Chuck Jenkins, and Jeff Reynolds, went on to play in college; and

WHEREAS, Coach Arnold's perseverance, dedication, and inspiration as a player, a coach, and a teacher have earned him the respect and gratitude of his peers, students, athletes, and the community alike; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Harold Arnold for his dedication to the State of Tennessee, its citizens, and the sports community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, and colleagues of Harold Arnold in congratulating him upon his placement onto the Johnson County High School Wall of Fame, honor and commend Coach Arnold for his substantial legacy as a player, coach, and teacher, and offer our thanks for the dedication that he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.